(4) did he take any statement from the patient; what was her statement;

(5) did the patient and a child die in the Hospital.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(1) Yes; a telegram was received which ran as follows:—

"Chief Medical Officer, Ernakulam. Pregnant female maltreated in Trippunittura Hospital. Precarious situation—requests immediate personal examination.

Thadattil Narayanan."

(2) Please see answer to (1) above.

(3) Yes.

(4) When questioned about her grievances in the absence of the Sub-Assistant Surgeon she stated that she was badly treated by him, but when the question was repeated in the presence of the Sub-Assistant Surgeon she did not reply at all. Her brother stated that she was badly treated, but he was not able to substantiate his statement when cross-examined in the presence of others in the ward. No written statement was taken.

(5) Neither the patient nor her child died in the Trippunittura Hospital.

Plans and estimates—College Buildings—Anappara.

313. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Chief Engineer did not prepare plans and estimates for the main College buildings at Anappara and submit them to Government even in 1931;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state what action they took to bring home to the Chief Engineer the seriousness of his dilly dally way with an important matter;

(c) if no action was taken, will the Government please say whether it was an international, national, racial, social, departmental or personal consideration?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

The decision to shift the College to Ramavarmapuram was arrived at by the Government only in 1929. This decision was reconsidered in the light of the Legislative Council discussions on the question in 1930. Hence estimates were not prepared.

(b) There was no negligence or delay on the part of the Chief Engineer.

(c) The question does not arise in view of the answers to (a) and (b).

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